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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- the international application as originally filed
 the description:

pages _____, as originally filed
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- the claims:

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- the drawings:

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 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
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 The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

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- the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-8,10	YES
	Claims	9	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-8,10	YES
	Claims	9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Claim 9

Document 1 [JP, 9-139937, A (Fujitsu Ltd.), 27 May, 1997 (27.05.97), paragraph Nos. [0008]-[0013] & US, 5801781, A, 2nd column, lines 16-50] describes an apparatus in which a packet generating section receives an MPEG1 system stream, packet by packet, analyzes the ES header, generates the PES header of MPEG2, and generates PES packets as the MPEG2 stream, and the "first encoded bit stream," "first header information," "second header information," and "second encoded bit stream" of claim 9 correspond to the "MPEG1 system stream," "ES header," "PES header" and "MPEG2 transport stream" respectively. So, the subject matter of claim 9 does not appear to be novel.

Claims 1-5 and 10

Document 2 [JP, 7-143475, A (Hitachi, Ltd.) 2 June, 1995 (02.06.95), paragraph Nos. [0057] and [0075]] cited in the ISR describes a conversion treatment system for ensuring that the image data compressed by JPEG and MPEG are adapted to the display resolution and color system supported by a client.

Document 3 [JP, 8-79758, A (Fujitsu Ltd.), 22 March, 1996 (22.03.96)] cited in the ISR describes a movement compensation predictor which can process both MPEG1 and H.261.

Document 4 [JP, 7-30763, A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 31 January, 1995 (31.01.95)] describes an image encoder and an image decoder which can handle both a JPEG data stream and a DSM (digital storage media) data stream.

However, a technique of judging whether the stream is a first encoded bit stream or a second encoded bit stream with reference to header information, to decode the second encoded bit stream, and of setting the image encoding information of the second encoding system in the first encoded bit stream, to decode the encoded image data contained in the first encoded bit stream, is neither described nor suggested in any of the documents cited in the ISR.

Claims 6-7

A technique for multiplexing header information for securing compatibility with the second encoded bit stream encoded by the second encoding system into the first encoded bit stream, is neither described nor suggested in any of the documents cited in the ISR.

Claim 8

A technique for multiplexing the header information received from a decoding means for securing compatibility, into the received first encoded bit stream, and for transmitting it to the decoding means, is neither described nor suggested in any of the documents cited in the ISR.

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Int C16 H04N7/44

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日本国実用新案公報 1926-1996
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X	JP, 7-143475, A (株式会社日立製作所) 2.6月. 1995 (02. 06. 95)	1, 6, 10
Y	(ファミリーなし)	2-4, 7
A		8, 9
Y	小暮 拓世, 妹尾 孝憲, 「国際標準規格MPEG4の概略決まる」, 日経エレクトロニクス, no. 699, 22. 9月. 1997 (22. 09. 97) (東京), p. 159-160	2-4, 7
X	JP, 9-139937, A (富士通株式会社) 27. 5月. 1997 (27. 05. 97)	9
A	(ファミリーなし)	1-8, 10
A	JP, 8-79758, A (富士通株式会社) 22. 3月. 1996 (22. 03. 96) (ファミリーなし)	1-10
A	JP, 7-30763, A (株式会社日立製作所) 31. 1月. 1995 (31. 01. 95) (ファミリーなし)	1-10

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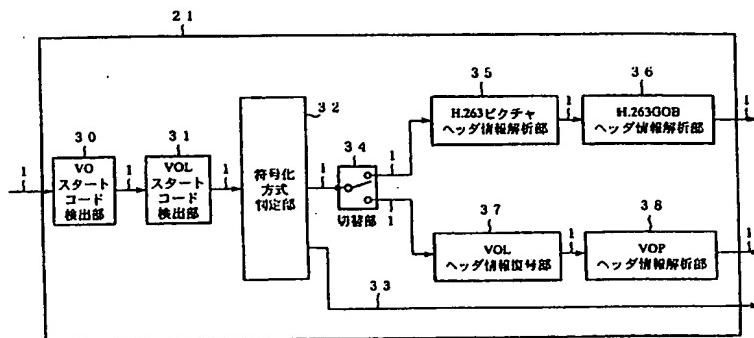
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- 30 ... VO start code detection unit
- 31 ... VOL start code detection unit
- 32 ... encoding system judging unit
- 34 ... switching unit
- 35 ... H.263 picture header information analysis unit
- 36 ... H.263GOB header information analysis unit
- 37 ... VOL header information decoding unit
- 38 ... VOP header information analysis unit

(57) Abstract

An image decoder which can decode an encoded bit stream which is encoded by a different encoding system has an encoding system judging unit which judges the encoding system of the encoded bit stream in accordance with multiplexed encoding system identification information, a setting means which sets the header information of a 2nd encoding system in accordance with the header information of a 1st encoding system and a decoding means which decodes the encoded image data of the 1st encoding system in accordance with the header information of the set 2nd encoding system.

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